

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for depositing at least one functional film on at least a part of one face or both faces of one or more flat or curved substrates, comprising:

leading each ~~substrate~~ of the substrates one by one into a film-coating station so as to be advanced therein in a direction of advancement along ~~[[its]]~~ a plane or a mean plane ~~[[;]]~~ of the substrate, the substrate being a glass sheet, ~~applying multiple bands of film on one face of the substrate using~~ a film applicator unit, comprising at least one axis perpendicular to ~~[[a]]~~ the direction of advancement and parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ a plane of advancement of the substrate, being disposed in the film-coating station, and on which there are mounted multiple reels of film being mounted on the at least one axis, ~~being disposed in the film coating station;~~

adjusting an upper one and a lower one of the multiple reels of film to set aside margins on opposing edges of the substrate;

applying ~~bringing~~, in the film coating station, a leader of the film of each of the multiple reels to be applied to, and ~~[[held]]~~ holding the leader against, one face of the substrate at a varying location on the substrate;

unwinding the multiple reels of film ~~being triggered~~ with a view to the film being applied in a strip to the advancing substrate;

cutting the film at a varying location on the substrate; and

holding a new film leader ~~to be ready~~ to be applied at a varying location on ~~[[the]]~~ a same substrate, or on a following substrate, wherein

a band width of each of the multiple reels ~~[[reel]]~~ and ~~its location~~ locations of the multiple reels on ~~axes~~ the at least one axis are ~~[[is]]~~ chosen as a function of regions of the substrates which are to be covered by each film.

27. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein, ~~the applicator unit is used comprising an axis on which there is mounted the multiple reels of film, whereby~~ on one face of the substrate, in the direction of advancement of the substrate, as many parallel bands or strips can be applied as there are reels, the beginning and the end of each ~~band~~ of the parallel bands being precisely positioned on the substrate, the parallel bands being mutually spaced apart, and an application of the bands is configured to be halted and resumed on ~~one~~ and the same substrate during ~~[[its]]~~ an advancement of the substrate.

28. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the at least one axis includes ~~applicator unit is used comprising~~ at least two parallel axes, each of the at least two parallel axes ~~[[axis]]~~ bearing at least one ~~reel~~ of the multiple reels, one of the at least one reel of the multiple reels being borne by an axis being one of the at least two parallel axes staggered relative to at least one ~~reel~~ of the at least one of the multiple reels borne by a neighboring axis one of the at least two parallel axes, whereby on the one face of the substrate, in the direction of advancement of the substrate, as many parallel bands or strips can be applied as there are reels, the beginning and the end of each ~~band~~ of the parallel bands being precisely positioned on the substrate, the parallel bands being configured to overlap according to the ~~location~~ locations of two ~~neighboring~~ of the multiple reels on their ~~[[two]]~~ respective ones of the at least two parallel axes, and an application of the bands is configured to be halted and resumed on ~~one and~~ the same substrate during ~~[[its]]~~ an advancement of the substrate.

29. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein each of the substrates ~~substrate~~ is fed into the film-coating station vertically or in a position slightly inclined relative to ~~[[the]]~~ vertical.

30. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein each of the substrates ~~substrate~~ is fed horizontally into the film-coating station.

31. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the ~~multiple bands of film include a~~ at least one functional film ~~which~~ is peelable, bonded, partially bonded, bonded on pre-cut zones, or is for transferring a ~~[[of]] decal transfer type~~.

32. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the at least one ~~multiple bands of film include a~~ functional film ~~which~~ is chosen from amongst a group consisting of protective films, decorative films, information-carrying films, and mechanical reinforcement films.

33. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the substrates ~~being coated~~ are glass sheets~~[[,]]~~ having, on at least the one face, a functional layer, the glass sheets being flat or with rounded or curved faces, the glass sheets being configured to form panes or to be cut to obtain the panes or being configured to form windshields or automobile windows.

34. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 33,
wherein the substrates are ~~coating is carried out on~~ flat glass sheets configured to be cut to form the panes,
wherein an application of peelable protective film strips is carried out so that uncoated zones are arranged in a grid pattern, each zone coated by a strip corresponding to daylight of a pane, and
the uncoated zones are configured to allow a direct cutting of the glass, forming the margins of the panes, which are configured to be introduced into rabbets of ~~[[the]]~~ frames and to be hidden from view by glazing beads.

35. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein the ~~coating is performed on~~ substrates are curved glass sheets, wherein a film is chosen, such that extensibility properties of ~~which~~ the film allow the film to be applied to ~~all of planned~~ application regions and/or a width of the reels and ~~hence~~ of the strips is regulated as a function of the radius of curvature of the substrates, the width of the strips being smaller than the radius of curvature.

36. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 26, further comprising:
defining for each of the substrates, as a function of ~~[[its]]~~ an intended purpose of the substrate and on at least one outer face of the substrate, a region or regions which are ~~[[due]]~~ to receive ~~[[a]]~~ the film and a region or regions which ~~[[do]]~~ are not ~~need to be coated by~~ to receive the film;

feeding the substrates successively into the film-coating station and commanding, for each ~~substrate~~ of the substrates, ~~[[the]]~~ an application of the film in the regions ~~intended~~ which are to receive ~~such a~~ the film; and

gathering the substrates ~~which are thus coated~~.

37. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 36, wherein, by a computerized calculation, ~~an optimization of~~ a positioning of the film on ~~[[the]]~~ different substrates of the ~~succession of~~ substrates is realized as a function of dimensions of the substrates and a relative position of the regions ~~[[due]] to be coated~~ receive the film and the regions which are not ~~[[due]] to be coated~~ receive the film.

38. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 37, wherein the ~~optimization~~ positioning is ~~equally~~ realized as a function of a fitment of the multiple reels and ~~the different reels that~~ which the fitment is ~~capable of receiving~~ configured to receive.

39-49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently Amended) ~~Sheets~~ Substrates obtained by the method as defined in claim 26.